

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

May 15, 2006

In re application of : Robert Manuel Carmichael  
Serial No. : 09/730,116  
Filed : December 5, 2000  
For : **ACTIVE CONTROL RELEASABLE BALLAST SYSTEM FOR USE WITH DIVE EQUIPMENT**  
Examiner : Ayay Vasudeva  
Art Unit : 3617  
Our File No. : 1064.8002 (1010.6817)

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Office Action dated December 15, 2005,  
please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims,  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.